Summon is Web Scale Discovery software

- A new kind of database or library search engine that includes pre-indexed records for books, articles, conference proceedings, theses and dissertations, videos, music, images, manuscripts, standards, maps, and more. Also included are all the records from the library’s catalog.

- It has records from other publishers, government agencies, database providers, and the numerous other libraries that participate in Summon. A single search in Summon can return records from all of these sources.

- Defaults to what we own, but can search beyond as well.

- Facets allow you to quickly refine your search by content type, library location, subject terms, publication date, language, and more.

- Altogether there are a billion records in Summon.

Dilemma of modern libraries:

- Vast amounts of data and information sources: both subscribed and “free” quality resources.

- Too many places for patrons to look.

- Patrons don’t know where to start and wind up using Google because it seems easier, thus missing out on much of the best material.

What are the benefits of Summon?

- Collect huge amounts of quality information and return search results in a logical, relevant order.

- Provide the Google-like experience that patrons expect.

- Introduce patrons to unfamiliar resources.

How is Summon created?

- Contains most of the journal, magazine, and newspaper resources, e-Reference and e-Books available through Library databases and subscriptions.

- Contains the Connelly Library Catalog – including all the books, videos, special collections material etc.

- Contains freely available and open access scholarly and peer-reviewed journals from sources like PubMedCentral, DOAC etc.

- Contains public domain books from HathiTrust – also includes indexing of copyrighted books.

- Will soon contain the Digital Commons of La Salle University (for more about the Digital Commons see http://digitalcommons.lasalle.edu/)

- Contains digitized collections from other libraries and institutions.

- Gives the option to search beyond the library’s collection in Summon’s billion record database.